MONUMENT TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 6, 2025 - 5:30 PM
Monument Town Hall - 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument CO 80132
Hybrid Meeting - Remote Participation Via Teams

1. Study Session Starting at 5:30:

a. Review of Ordinance Repealing and Readopting Title 8

2. Call Regular Meeting to Order at 6:30 PM, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call:
Mayor Mitch LaKind called the regular meeting of the Monument Town Council and led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance. Proper notice of the meeting was posted for more than 24 hours in the designated posting locations. The following Councilmembers and staff were present for the meeting:

TOWN COUNCIL	TOWN STAFF
PRESENT: Mayor Mitch LaKind Mayor Pro Tem Steve King Councilmember Sana Abbott Councilmember Marco Fiorito Councilmember Kenneth Kimple Councilmember Laura Kronick Councilmember Chad Smith	Madeline VanDenHoek, Town Manager Patrick Regan, Police Chief Tina Erickson, Town Clerk Ashley Hernandez-Schlagel, Town Attorney Will Williams, Director of IT Thomas Tharnish, Director of Public Works Jennifer Phillips, Director of Finance Laura Hogan, Director of Administration Dan Ungerleider, Director of Planning
ATTENDED REMOTELY:	
ABSENT WITH PRIOR NOTICE:	
ABSENT WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE:	

3. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest:

a. Disclosures of Potential Conflicts of Interest

b. Vote on Excluding Council Members With Potential Conflicts of Interest From Consideration, Discussion and Voting on Identified Matters

- No disclosures of potential conflicts of interest were submitted.

4. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

a. Agenda - October 6, 2025

b. Meeting Minutes - September 15, 2025

Councilmember Marco Fiorito made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Steve King. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 7 to 0.

5. Recognition:

a. Ron Rathburn - 39 Years of Service

Tharnish presented Ron Rathburn with a plaque and congratulated him on serving the town for 39 years.

- The council took a break at 6:42pm.
- The regular meeting resumed at 6:45pm.

6. Proclamations:

a. Small Business Saturday

The Town Council proclaimed Saturday, November 29, 2025 as Small Business Saturday in the Town of Monument.

b. National Veterans Small Business Week

The Town Council proclaimed November 3-7, 2025 as National Veterans Small Business Week in the Town of Monument.

7. Presentations:

a. Small Business Development Center Overview

Brandon Eldridge with Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center gave a presentation on Small Business Development Center and encouraged everyone to participate in the 18th annual Veterans Small Business Conference on November 7, 2025 from 7am-4:30pm.

b. Flock Safety

Lupton provided a presentation on Flock Safety as included in the council packet.

8. Ordinances: *Public Hearing(s) Required*

a. Ordinance No. 16-2025 - An Ordinance Approving a Real Property Transfer from El Paso County and Entering Into Intergovernmental Agreement Accepting Obligations Related Thereto

Ungerleider presented ordinance no.16-2025 as included in the council packet. LaKind opened the public hearing, no comments were received. LaKind closed the public hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Steve King made a motion to approve ordinance no. 16-2025 and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Chad Smith. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 7 to 0.

9. Appointments:

a. Economic Development Negotiations Committee

The Council appointed Mayor Mitch LaKind and Councilmember Chad Smith to the Economic Development Negotiations Committee.

10. Public Comments For Items Not on the Agenda:

- John Howe- gave appreciation to the Council for their dedicated service to the Town and Town staff, gave appreciation to the support for the book he and Michael Weinfeld assembled. Howe spoke on the presentations they have given since the completion of the book.
- Atis Jurka- gave appreciation to the council for standing by and supporting the Town of Palmer Lake.

11. Future Agenda Item Authorization:

- Next Town hall meeting potentially on November 13, 2025, location will be provided later.

12. Council Comments:

- Councilmember Marco Fiorito - spoke on parking along the streets, encouraged citizens to avoid parking along the street for safety and the snow plow crews removing snow.
- Councilmember Laura Kronick - told a short story about residents and parking in her neighborhood; sad to hear Amy with Palmer Lake resigned and hopes for Palmer Lake to reach out if there is anything they need assistance.
- Councilmember Chad Smith- attended the Colorado State University Extension Office, mentioned a few classes that they provide; encouraged participation at the Fair Fright Fest on Sunday, October 19th at the El Paso County Fair Grounds supporting; wants to have a discussion on e-bikes.
- Councilmember Kenneth Kimple - read a script into the record with recent events in Monument.
- Mayor Mitch LaKind - attended the Municipal Leadership Academy- spoke on the Amazon package facility tour, session on leadership and crisis, along with the Board of County Commissioners will be reading a proclamation on 10/07/2025, Wysong asked for participation.

13. Executive Sessions:

a. Executive Session Pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. for a Conference with the Town Attorney for the Purpose of Receiving Legal Advice on Specific Legal

Questions Regarding Pending Legal Projects

b. Executive Session Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) for Discussion of a Personal Matter Related to the Town Manager's Employment Contract. The Town Manager Has Been Notified of this Executive Session and has Consent to it

Councilmember Marco Fiorito moved to enter into executive session pursuant to 24-6-402 (4)(b), C.R.S. for a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions regarding pending legal projects and to adjourn regular upon conclusion; C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) for discussion of a personal matter related to the Town Manager's employment contract. The Town Manager has been notified of this executive session and has consented to it. Councilmember Laura Kronick seconded the motion, roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 7 to 0.

- The Council entered executive session at 08:36 pm.
- The Council concluded executive session at 10:34 pm.

14. Adjournment:

The regular council meeting was adjourned at 10:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Erickson,
Town Clerk

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